

COLEMANVILLE COMMUNICATOR

Your Monthly Newsletter of Happenings at
Colemanville United Methodist Church



September 2026

**Colemanville
United Methodist Church**
"To Love Others. As God Loves Us"

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Conestoga, PA 17516

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Address Services Requested

Worship Service:

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8:45 a.m.

Sunday School

10:15 a.m.

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Our Mission: To love others as God loves us... To be a lighthouse radiating God's love

“Give me a pure heart---that I may see Thee,
A humble heart---that I may hear Thee,
A heart of love---that I may serve Thee,
A heart of faith---that I may abide in Thee”i

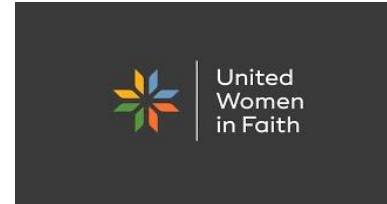
The above personal prayer of Dag Hammarskjöld captures the kind of daily desire every person needs to seek, pursue, and live out. In our Christian life, we think of it as our all-encompassing hunger and thirst for God, a desire that can only be satisfied when our hearts are relentlessly centered in Christ. Our sense of purpose and new vision in life become clearer as we connect ourselves earnestly to the center of our faith, the crucified and risen Christ. In our faith and discipleship journey, the Christ story—Jesus’ life and gospel, ministry, crucifixion, resurrection, and presence in the Spirit---reminds us that we can only make a difference in the world if we live and participate in God’s passion which is the healing, redemption, and transformation of the world. God’s love for the world is best demonstrated in our daily practice of compassion, justice, and peace by the Spirit’s power within ourselves, the church, our communities, and the world beyond. As the prophet Micah asks us:

“What does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?”

- Micah 6:8

Pastor Manny

i Dag Hammarskjöld, Markings (New York: Vintage Books, 1964), 100



The next UWF meeting will be on
September 14th at 9:30 am
October 5th – 9:30 am

Questions/Concerns can be addressed with UWF board members: Judy Rambo- President, Denise Rankin- Vice President, Darlene Hunsberger- Secretary, Donna Eshleman- Treasurer



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 2nd – Sub Orders Due
September 2nd – Office Closed
September 3rd – Office Open
September 7th – Labor Day / Office Closed
September 9th – Community Meal
September 13th – Choir Practice Begins
September 14th 9:30 am – UWF Meeting
September 14th – Sub Sale
September 15th 6:30 pm – Church Council Meeting
September 15th – Widow/Widowers Luncheon
September 20th – Newsletter Blips Due
September 26th – Soup & Bake Sale
September 29th 1 pm – Outreach Meeting



CHOIR PRACTICE

The Senior Choir will start rehearsing for the 2026-2027 Choir Season on Sunday, September 13, at 7:45 a.m. New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining the Choir or have any questions, please contact Ellen Peifer at espeifer@epix.net or 717-284-4857.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

Classes will resume on Sunday, September 13th. Anyone interested in assisting with Sunday School, please contact Pastor Manny or Donna Eshleman.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT STUDY

Beginning October 4th, Sunday School classes will study the Fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Gladys Drumm will lead the adult class.

MATERIAL NEEDS TO BE ORDERED.

DEADLINE to sign up is Sunday, September 6.

Contact Gladys with questions.



SAVE THE DATE -- SOUP & BAKE SALE

Saturday, September 26, 2026 is Colemanville UWF's annual soup and bake sale being held at Colemanville Church. **Soups available for purchase are homemade: chicken corn, and chicken noodle. Not certain if vegetable beef will be available. Baked good donations accepted.** *As of the printing of this newsletter, pick up time and cost per quart have not been determined. Check bulletin and website after Sept. 14th for pick up time and cost per quart.*

PENNY JAR

The Penny Jar is located on the table in the Narthex. Funds collected through **September** will go to the **Conestoga Food Bank**. Thank you, from the Mission Committee.



COMMUNITY MEAL

Our Church Outreach community meals are growing, and we want to be able to serve you better. We ask that you please reserve your meal by the dates below:

Deadline:

September 6th

Meal Date:

September 9th

September's meal will be ham & green beans with potatoes.

To make your reservation, please call (717) 872-7951. Take-outs will be available from 4:30 to 5 pm for shut-ins only. Dine-ins will be seated from 5:15 to 6:15 pm.



SPECIAL MUSIC

Looking for soloists, duets, trios, groups, musicians, readers, or liturgical dancers for Special Music for the worship service for open Sundays. Please see or contact Jill Kelley (717-872-2552) or Ellen Peifer (717-284-4857). Thank you!



SUB SALE

Orders are due September 2nd for the September 14th Future Needs Sub Sale. There will be American, Ham, and Turkey Subs available.

Please email drankin261@comcast.net or text Doug Rankin (717) 824-0548 to place your order. There will be a sign-up sheet available in the Narthex. Cost is \$9 each. Subs can be picked up on September 15th between 3 pm and 5 pm.



COMMUNITY AID DONATIONS

Community Aid: Please give our Partner number #40101 when dropping off clothes at the Columbia Avenue/Good Drive location. Colemanville UMC will receive six cents per pound in donations. Donations are typically accepted Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



CONESTOGA FOOD BANK

Items needed: Jelly/Jam, Alfredo Sauce, Taco Kits, Canned Fruit, Dinty Moore Beef Stew, Canned Red Beets, Canned Carrots, Canned Peas/Carrots, Flavored Noodles, Flavored Potatoes, Muffin mix (Just add water). Please, no expired items; they cannot be accepted.



Thinking of You:

Tillie King
Rose Harrington

Our Shut-Ins:

Grace Aukamp
Edie Harrington
Bob Conn

Get Well Wishes:

Edna Searle
Joan Sosa
Kimberly Kulishoff
Cana Booth
Justine Olsham
Linda Reburn



THANK YOU

A big thank you to all who attended and to those who helped make the three after Church Service fellowship and light refreshment events this summer a success! There were approximately 30-40 persons attending each event. At the August 16th event, Andy and Pat Collins graciously provided raisin, lemon, blueberry, and strawberry-filled cookies. A big thank you to Andy for traveling all the way to Berwick, Pennsylvania, to pick up the delicious cookies!

Thanks.
Ellen



THANKSGIVING MEAL

November 26th at noon— We will be having our Thanksgiving meal this year. Keep an eye on our bulletins, newsletters, and website for more information.



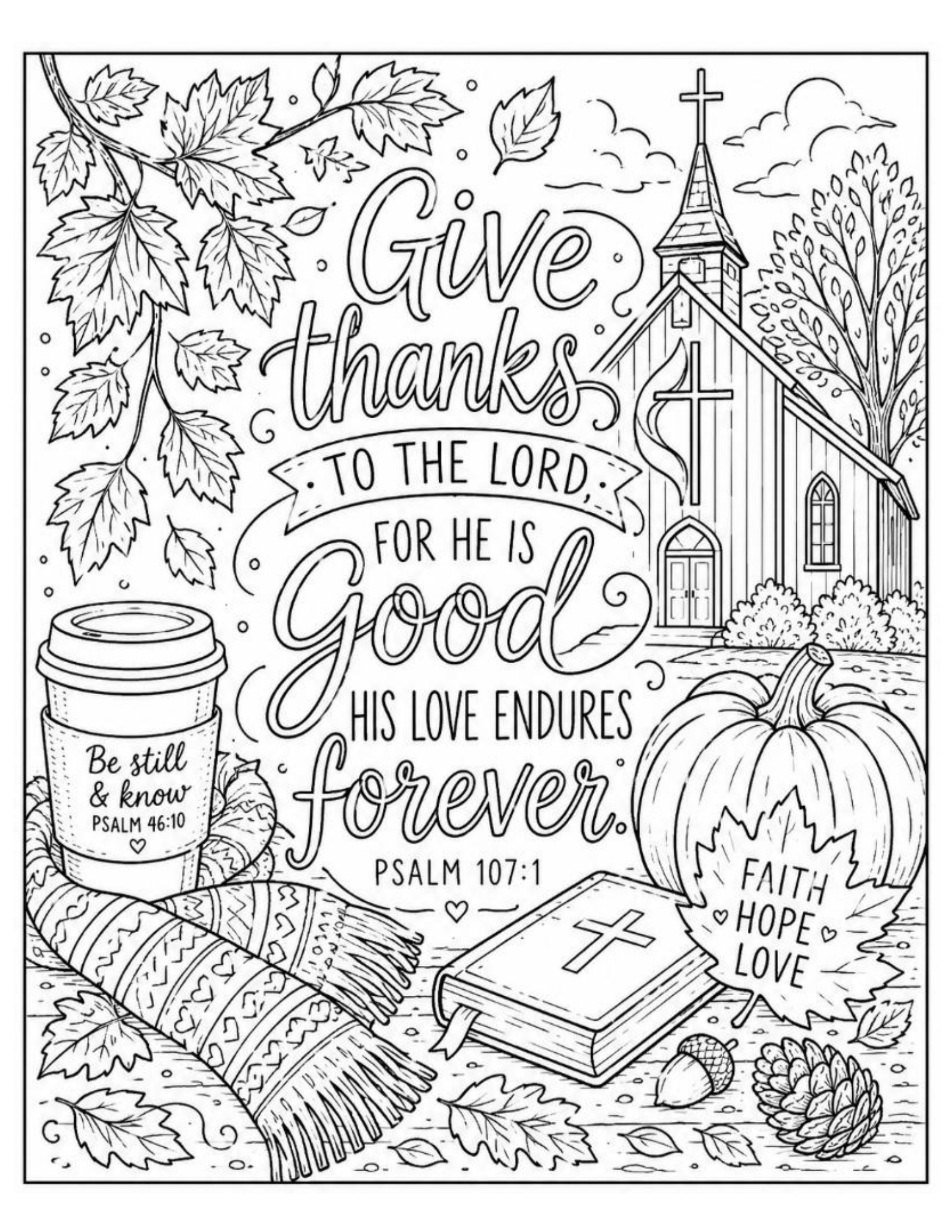
SCRIPTURES FOR THE MONTH:

September 6th - Matthew 18:15-20
September 13th - Matthew 18:21-35
September 20th - Matthew 20:1-16
September 27th - Matthew 21:23-32



September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Office Closed Sub Orders Due	3 Office Open	4	5
6	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8	9 Community Meal	10	11	12
13 Choir Practice Begins	14 Sub Sale UWF Meeting 9:30 am	15 Church Council Meeting 6:30 pm Widow/Widowers Luncheon	16	17	18	19
20 Newsletter Blips Due	21	22	23	24	25	26 Soup & Bake Sale
27	28	29 Outreach Meeting 1 pm	30			



Give
thanks

TO THE LORD,

FOR HE IS

Good
HIS LOVE ENDURES
forever.

PSALM 107:1

Be still
& know
PSALM 46:10

FAITH
HOPE
LOVE

Give THANKS

TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD;
His love endures forever.

PSALM 107:1

BE STILL
& KNOW
THAT I AM
GOD. ♥
PSALM 46:10

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FIND THESE WORDS

AUTUMN
LEAVES
PUMPKIN
HARVEST
ORCHARD

SCARF
APPLE
ACORN
SQUIRREL
HAYRIDE

CORN
THANKFUL
PRAYER
FAMILY
BLESSINGS

GOD
BONFIRE
CRISP
RAKE
CINNAMON

Faith
Hope
Love

1 CORINTHIANS
13:13

Trust
in the
Lord

PRAY
GROW
TRUST